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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Margaret Stuart Hart of Lake Forest, who passed away on January 27, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Hart was born in Chicago to R. Douglas and Harriet McClure Stuart on January 3, 1922; she spent her early years in Lake Forest and attended the Bell School before attending Miss. Hall's School in Pittsfield, Massachusetts; after high school, she returned to Lake Forest and graduated from The University of Chicago in 1944; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Hart married Augustin S. "Gus" Hart Jr. in Lake Forest on April 11, 1942; they spent the early portion of their marriage on military bases in Louisiana and Georgia; Margaret returned to Lake Forest and completed her college degree when Gus was sent overseas; after World War II, they moved to Long Island, New York and then settled in Lake Forest in 1960; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Hart was always active, athletically and otherwise; she enjoyed traveling, tennis, ice skating, skiing, golf, and horseback riding; she golfed and rode horses until she was 94; she loved the outdoors, especially the Wyoming Rockies to which she travelled from age 6 to 96 to visit her

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1 family's ranch; in her teenage years, she hunted big game, fly  
2 fished, hiked, and rode extensively; she was happiest when  
3 riding her horse and exploring in the Clarks Fork Valley of  
4 Wyoming; she was a lifelong artist and drew her own Christmas  
5 cards starting at age 12; she loved making up plays and skits  
6 with her grandchildren and having costume parties; she had a  
7 wonderful sense of humor and fun; and

8 WHEREAS, Margaret Hart was active in the First Presbyterian  
9 Church of Lake Forest; she served for many years as trustee and  
10 board chair of the McCormick Theological Seminary; she was a  
11 life trustee of Lake Forest College and Lake Forest Open Lands;  
12 she was active in many civic and charitable organizations,  
13 including the school board, WTTW, the National Parks  
14 Conservation Association, the Cotton Bay Foundation in  
15 Eleuthera, Bahamas, and the Department of Defense Advisory  
16 Committee on Women in the Armed Services; and

17 WHEREAS, Margaret Hart was active in Republican politics  
18 and served in many volunteer efforts and positions; she  
19 strongly supporting local, regional, state, and federal  
20 candidates throughout her life; she had strong views about what  
21 was right and wrong, but was always willing to listen to those  
22 who opposed her viewpoint and was never afraid to question  
23 those of her own party with whom she might disagree; and

1           WHEREAS, Margaret Hart was preceded in death by her,  
2 husband, Gus; her sisters, Anne Stuart Batchelder and Harriet  
3 Stuart Spencer; her brother, Robert D. Stuart Jr.; and her  
4 sons, Douglas Stuart Hart and Robert Dixon Hart; and

5           WHEREAS, Margaret Hart is survived by her daughters,  
6 Kathryn Hart (Robert) Lansing and Heather Hart (Walter)  
7 Goldstein; her son, Augustin S. (Becky) Hart III; her  
8 daughters-in-law, Harriet Corbett and Trenay Hart; her  
9 grandchildren, Stuart (Farley) Lansing, Sage Lansing (Austin)  
10 DePree, Gerrit (Christyn) Lansing, Philip Hart, Austin Hart,  
11 Abra Gasser, and Brandon, Nathaniel, and Margot Goldstein; her  
12 sister-in law, Lillian Stuart; seven great-grandchildren; and  
13 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Margaret Stuart Hart and extend our sincere condolences to her  
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
18 further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Margaret Hart as an expression of  
21 our deepest sympathy.